



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



The behaviour this week has been superb and I would like to congratulate all of the children for how they have adhered to the school rules and routines. It has been a pleasure to be on the playground at break times and lunchtimes to see the wonderful games being played and the friendships that are developing in their new classes. It was lovely to welcome Mr Carter from Gretton Church back into school this week and the children were very happy to see him in Assembly.

Parents' Evening

Over the course of the next couple of weeks we will be releasing parents' evening appointments, however, we have made slight changes which I hope ensure a greater impact of these meetings. We as a team of staff agreed that for us and also for the majority of parents 10 minutes is a short window; therefore we are increasing the length of parents' evening appointments to 15 minutes. In order to accommodate this, each class will have an afternoon to early evening slot on different days and then all classes will also have an evening slot on the same day. I hope that you can see the benefits of the extended time and are able to try to book appointments in the day where possible.

Showbie

Some parents have shared difficulties with accessing Showbie. I have tried myself and the issue is that the codes we set up are student codes, not parent codes. Therefore when you login, please login as a student to set up your account.

Book Fair 2024



Our annual book fair will be arriving next week! Last year, you spent a whopping £645.71 which meant that, thanks to you, our school was given £258.28 to spend on books for our class libraries!

We will be opening the fair next Friday (27th) after school in the hall and it will continue the following Monday and Tuesday. The preferred method of payment is to pay online using your card. Like last year, there will be QR codes around the hall to scan and pay online. Please check that we have received confirmation of your payment with a member of staff before leaving the hall. We can accept cash but please note that we will need it to be the exact amount as we may not be able to offer change. We only receive a select number of copies but if there is a particular book that you require then please let me know and I can order it to be delivered to school for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Cross

Free School Meals funding

Did you know that 'Free School Meals' doesn't just mean free school meals for your child? Any parent can apply for this funding and, for anyone eligible, the school receives additional funding, known as Pupil Premium funding, which enhances provision and improves progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal. This includes parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who get universal free school meals when in these year groups.

To find out if you're eligible, please go to -

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

You will receive an instant response. If you're told that you are eligible, please screenshot the page and email it to the office.

Bromford

Bromford Homes are very kindly sponsoring International Walk to School Month and have donated reflective key rings which the children will be bringing home in readiness for October.

Ground force day

In anticipation of open mornings and driving the school forward I would like to ask for your support. On Saturday 9th November I am looking for any parents that might be available to help tidy the playground and bits and pieces around the school. I will produce a sign-up sheet closer to the time but if you could mark this date if you would like to help it would be much appreciated.

FOGS

We would love as many people as possible to use [Easy Fundraiser](#). It takes less than 5 mins to set up and is a really easy way to make money for school. By using this referral link when you set up, they will automatically donate £5 to 'Friends of Gretton School' when you make your first purchase. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=237002&invite=0itpl6&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest

We are on the lookout for a Treasurer! If you or anyone you know (friends/family/neighbour, etc!) may be interesting in volunteering for this rewarding role please do get in touch with someone in FOGS or send us an email on the address below.

Do you know anyone who has any floristry experience and may be interested in helping FOGS with a one off activity this Autumn term? Please do reach out to us if you do so we can provide more information!

Thanks to those who came last night, great to have some new members to join the group. If you weren't able to join but would be interesting in getting involved, please do let us know.

FOGS email address: friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com

Early Birds Update

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to pay in the usual way via ParentPay and pay £3 in advance for all sessions. There is no need to pre-book, just feel free to bring your child along on any day you need to.

Gretton Village Events for your diary:

'Awesome is St. Peter's Church's event for families with school-age and pre-school-age children. It meets on the third Saturday of every month at 4pm in the school hall at Abbey Primary School in Winchcombe. The event this Saturday has the theme of 'Harvest' and its main activity will involve making the Harvest Loaf for the Harvest Festivals, which will soon be upon us in church and school. Parents and children are warmly invited. You will receive a warm welcome, engaging activities for young and less young and plenty of drinks and cake.'

Apple Rock 2024

Gretton Village Association and FOGs are pleased to announce that Apple Rock will be held this year on 5th October. This annual event aims to bring the community together with fun, games, food and music. The event will start at 3pm this year - we hope to see everyone there! More details will follow next week but if you would like to get involved in anyway, please reach out to FOGS either in the playground or on friendsofgrettonschool@gmail.com or the Gretton Village Association via Facebook.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, if there is anything that you would like to contribute please feel free to email me head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk or the office admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team




Pate's Grammar School

Open Evening for Year 7 Entry

Tuesday 1 October 2024
4.45pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's Welcome: 5.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Tours start from 5.15pm

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Autumn Open Evening. Come and explore our school and meet our students and staff team who will be delighted to share Pate's life with you and answer all your questions about joining us in Year 7.

No booking required



Parking available on site (subject to weather conditions).

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House Point Trophy

In our house points assembly it was very close, but our winning house this week was **Langley** and I look forward to wearing the **red** tie next week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	3	2 nd	6	2 nd
Langley	4	1 st	8	1 st
Stanley	2	3 rd	4	3 rd
Sudeley	1	4 th	2	4 th

Gold Book Nominations (20.09.24)

Robins

Monty - for fantastic engagement in phonics this week and listening carefully to blend our sounds!

Kingfishers

Year 1

Jagger – Jagger has settled extremely well into Kingfishers class and had some lovely ideas for a story about a teddy bear who gets lost. Well done Jagger!

Year 2

Ronnie – Ronnie has set a very good example this week and shown wonderful listening skills. He has also pushed himself to gain a deeper understanding in maths where we have been comparing numbers. Great work Ronnie!

Owls

Y3 - Albie for thoughtfully considering the themes in The Matchbox Diary for his Zone of Relevance Task. Albie could explain why the characters in the book showed love, ambition and resilience.

Y4 - Harry for working exceptionally hard in writing and really focusing on spelling words correctly.

Eagles

Y5 - Tommylee - always being really helpful, having a big smile on his face and trying his best in every subject.

Y6 - Christina - for trying really hard in her writing this week and sharing her ideas.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Are Kind and Respectful

Robins – Pearl

Kingfishers – Thea

Owls – Penelope

Eagles - Hamish

AutumnTerm 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 30 th Sept	Start of Book Fair Meeting of the Governing Body
Mon 7 th Oct	Harvest festival (Recorded and shared on Showbie)
Mon 14 th Oct	Flu immunisations
Weds 23 rd Oct	Parents invited to visit classrooms after school
Thu 24 th Oct	Last day of term for children
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET
Mon 4 th Nov	Start of Term 2 Parents' Evening week (dates and times TBC)
Sat 9 th Nov	Ground force day
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 15 th Nov	Open Morning
Weds 20 th Nov	Open Morning
Weds 4 th Dec	Open Morning
Fri 6 th Dec	"Life Education" activities
Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 2:15pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas performance (Robins and Kingfishers) 10am
Fri 20 th Dec	End of Term 2 for pupils (1:30pm Finish)
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Term 3
Thurs 30 th Jan	Y6 height and weight measurements